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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1733  
PATENT  
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*IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicants: Osamu SHIRASAKI et al. Conf.: 2596  
Serial No.: 09/319,202 Art Unit: 1733  
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLDED ARTICLE  
OF MODIFIED POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE  
BY JOINING

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

**MS AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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August 2, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below, and consider the Remarks which follow:

This response includes:

Amended Claim Set; and  
Remarks.